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In re Application of )  
Jack LEES, et al. )  
Application No. 10/692,908 )  
Filed: October 24, 2003 )  
For: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR** )  
**ANALYZING AND IMAGING AN** )  
**ENHANCED THREE-DIMENSIONAL** )  
**VOLUME DATA SET USING ONE OR MORE** )  
**ATTRIBUTES**

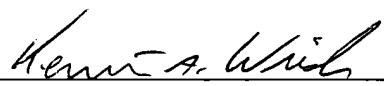
DECISION ON PETITION  
TO MAKE SPECIAL

This is a decision on the petition to make special filed March 29, 2004 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §102(c) and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(VI): Energy.

A grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c), and M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section VI, must be accompanied by a showing that the application is for an invention which materially contributes to (A) the discovery or development of energy resources, or (B) the more efficient utilization and conservation of energy resources. Examples of inventions in category (A) would be developments in fossil fuels (natural gas, coal, and petroleum), nuclear energy, solar energy, etc. Category (B) would include inventions relating to the reduction of energy consumption in combustion systems, industrial equipment, household appliances etc. Such petitions should be accompanied by statements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 by the applicant, assignee, or an attorney/agent registered to practice before the Office explaining how the invention materially contributes to category (A) or (B) set forth above.

The petitioner has met all the above-listed requirements. Accordingly, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will retain its special status throughout its entire prosecution, including any appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, subject only to diligent prosecution by the applicant.

  
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